

# CAPITAL MAY SEE SARGENT PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT

By BILL PRICE.

The greatest portrait of President Wilson ever painted, just completed by John S. Sargent, America's foremost painter, may be exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery of Art before being sent across the sea to the National Gallery of Dublin, to which it belongs. The arrangements have not yet been completed, but art circles in Washington are hopeful that there will be no hitch in the efforts to have this great likeness of the President placed on exhibition.

This portrait has not been removed from the easel in the White House where Sargent painted it, and will stay there until the frame now being made for it is completed. The few who have seen the portrait say that it is likely to attract world-wide attention whenever the public is allowed to see it because of its life-like representation of President Wilson.

Story Interesting.

The story of this picture is in itself of intense interest to the world over. Sargent is not here to verify the facts, and he is said to have publicly so strongly that he might not agree to state them. In and around the White House and in art circles today the story of the already famous portrait is this:

Sargent agreed to contribute a picture on any subject to the English Red Cross, to be sold to the highest bidder. That bidder was Sir Hugh Lane, and he gave \$20,000 to the Red Cross for the privilege of having one of Sargent's pictures. Before Sir Hugh could arrange with Sargent for the painting he desired he went down to the Louisiana. He left all his valuable pictures to the National Gallery at Dublin.

The courts construed the to-be-painted picture by Sargent as belonging to Sir Hugh Lane's art collection and the Dublin gallery promptly commissioned Sargent to paint a portrait of President Wilson, who loomed large in the world's horizon. Some weeks ago Sargent obtained permission from the President for sittings and in the few sittings given him he finished the portrait.

Only Portrait Since War.

It is, of course, the only portrait of the President painted since America entered the war, and is expected to become a historical picture of its production at a time the President was engaged in directing the immense forces of America against the Teuton combination in Europe.

It is considered singular that Congress has not made appropriations for an official picture of the President to hang in the White House gallery of Presidents and their families, but it is assumed this will be done. The importance of having this portrait made during the war is generally recognized.

The custom of Congress has been to make appropriations for the President's portrait, and this has been done since the first term expired. In case he had been elected, the picture could have been secured after he left the White House, but its appropriateness would not have been as direct as it painted while in office.

Painted Roosevelt. The official picture of Roosevelt was painted by Sargent long before he left the White House and was hung in the White House among the other Presidents. Taft's picture was painted before he ran for the second term and placed among those of other Presidents. This portrait is by Zorn, a Swiss painter.

The arrangements for the portrait are made through the superintendent of public buildings and grounds and the selection of the painter is left to the President whose face is to be preserved posterity through this medium. Sargent knew Sargent personally and preferred him. Taft was indifferent as to who made his portrait. The authorities selected Zorn.

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## A Pipe, a Bottle, and a Deck



British official photograph; from Underwood & Underwood.

This official photograph, taken along the British front on France during the battle of Meuse road, presents a typical scene. Relieved of duty on the firing line for a few hours, the Tommies find relaxation in a pipe, a bottle, and a pack of cards, they being the Occidental idea of Omar's "book of verses underneath the bow, a loaf of bread, a jug of wine and thou," and no doubt makes the trenches "paradise now" for the soldier lads.

## PRESIDENT URGED JOINT WARFARE OF ALLIES ON SEA

Lord Northcliffe's letter to Premier Lloyd George was the means of bringing to the surface some of the latent feeling existing here over the allied conduct of the war, according to a Washington dispatch to the New York Times.

It is now no secret that the recent naval conference in London, attended by Admiral Mayo, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic fleet, was called at the instance of President Wilson, and not, as generally supposed, by one of the European allies.

The conference was the outcome of questioning here whether there was a genuine allied plan of naval operations against the Germans.

It was felt by the President and others that a conference was necessary to determine upon a program that would enable the naval forces of Great Britain, France, the United States, and perhaps Japan and Italy to act together to the best advantage.

Entries of Grand Fleet. While some naval experts here sympathized with the criticism heard from Europe concerning the inactivity of the British Grand Fleet, it would be going too far to say that those in high position shared this dissatisfaction. They merely felt that not enough was known of the naval plans of our European allies to justify the United States Government in determining the disposition of its naval forces or taking steps that would be most helpful in the effort to defeat Germany.

What Admiral Mayo learned at the conference and what plans for the employment of American naval forces were evolved from it have not been disclosed and could not be. Apparently, however, something was left to be arranged, and this situation brought about the calling of an allied conference in Paris.

To Be Three Conferences. It became known today that three separate conferences, in all of which the United States will participate, would be held in Paris. The general conference, in which Germany House will represent the United States, will be devoted to the whole question of co-ordinated effort in the conduct of the war.

Another conference will be devoted to plans for military co-operation, with General Bliss, chief of the general staff, as the American representative, and the third to plans for naval co-operation, with Admiral Mayo, chief of naval operations, representing this Government.

XMAS CANDY FOR NURSES.

American nurses in France will have candy on Christmas morning. To this end the College Equal Suffrage League are today working. The candy fund is rapidly increasing. The latest contribution being \$10 from the Columbian Women of George Washington University. Contributions are received by Miss Carrie Harrison, 1231 Newton street, Brookland, D. C.

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## CLUBHOUSE PLAN FOR CLERKS HAS EMPLOYEES' O. K.

Energetic steps were being taken today by Government employees toward realization of the clubhouse scheme of housing, details of which, as proposed by Charles Stanton, social service worker, of New York city, were given exclusively in The Times yesterday.

A committee of Government employees representing the various departments, headed by T. C. Doran, of the Department of Justice, and including in its membership H. M. McLarin, president of the Federal Employees' Union, is working on the plan and will hold a meeting Monday.

Members of the women's and men's federated councils on employment, before whom Mr. Stanton outlined his plan last night in the District building, voted their approval of the plan "as citizens."

Unofficial Vote Explained. The vote could not be registered as official, inasmuch as the councils are semi-official parts of the Department of Labor, and Uncle Sam has not yet formally decided to go into the landlord business.

The committee in charge is as follows: T. C. Doran, of the Department of Justice, chairman; H. M. McLarin, president of the Federal Employees' Union; Miss Aline Solomons, of the Treasury Department; Miss Rose Greeley, of the Department of the Interior; Miss Clara R. Nelson, of the Postoffice Department; E. M. Kline, of the Department of Labor; M. R. Semmes, of the Department of Justice; Mrs. Grace Porter Hopkins, of the Department of Labor.

The committee will sound sentiment in the departments, investigate thoroughly the proposed plan, verify the figures, consult with the Fine Arts Commission, and report back to the Federated Councils on Employment.

Employees As Stockholders. Mr. Stanton's plan of financing would take care of a large part of the investment through money borrowed on first mortgages, amortization certificates, and common stock. It would not be necessary for the employees occupying the buildings to hold this stock, although it is thought possible by Mr. Stanton that they

might take at least 25 per cent of it. Such stock will pay dividends in either cash or rent. The rooms would rent for about \$5 each, and where two occupy the same room, possibly as low as \$2.75 a week.

## BOSTON BANS FREE LUNCH.

BOSTON, Nov. 17.—The Boston License Board, at the suggestion of the National Food Administration, has notified saloon proprietors to eliminate free lunches. Clams, chowder, and a variety of sea food, plentiful here, were withdrawn from the counters of many saloons when wartime economy was first agitated, but the board's order will apply also to establishments along the waterfront and in manufacturing districts, which have continued to serve free meals with drinks.

## AUTHORITIES WILL KEEP SHARP WATCH FOR PROFITEERS

Attorney General Gregory, at the request of Fuel Administrator Garfield, today urged all district attorneys to be especially vigilant in detecting and prosecuting wholesalers,

jobbers or retailers discovered in profiteering practices. In many of the larger cities district attorneys will be given additional attorneys to aid in running down violators.

Attorney General Gregory stated that officials in his department will exert every effort to bring about full compliance with the price rulings as they have been determined by the President and the Fuel Administration.

## QUEEN MOTHERS ORPHANS.

ROME, Nov. 17.—The Queen of Italy has made herself queen mother to the refugee children of northern Italy who fled before the onrush of the German hordes.



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